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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

Bishop Keith Dalby (Alice) ; Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley);
Fr Des Ackland (Raelene) and Fr Peter Carlsson

and In the Limestone Coast

Fr David Patterson; Fr Wayne; Fr David Withers (Ann); Fr Neil (Nalini)

Parish Counsellors Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Rick Fisher, Brian Smith,
Jeff Bowman, Sandy Coulson, Maree Lynch, Lynn Fisher

Diocesan Prayer

Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples and friend; help us to journey with you on the way of life toward the Father. Enable us by the Spirit to discover not only the fullness of who you are, but also the fullness of life you offer to each one of us.

Amen

The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

**Lent 4 : 22nd March 2020
Mothering Sunday**



Jesus heal us and our nation



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our services today

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens — and please join us for a cuppa and chat in the Ashworth Room after the 9.30am service

From Fr Neil

JESUS HEAL US AND OUR NATION

In today's Gospel, Jesus, the Light of the World, brings light to a man born blind. If you are prepared to accept it, *you* are the man born blind, for all of us were born blind and in darkness. It was our baptism alone, and the faith it gave us, that has rendered us able to see, and by stages, to come more fully into the light. The man in today's Gospel goes through the stages of the Christian walk: out of darkness, and into the beautiful light of Christ.

What a privilege for the blind man to have met Jesus and be healed by him. What a privilege for him to have Jesus touch his eyes and bring him sight. Jesus used ordinary elements around us in nature to convey his healing power. Jesus gave the gift of sight by using matter. The blind man could feel the paste of clay on his eyes, he could feel Jesus touching his eyes, he could hear Jesus, he could feel the water washing off the clay. He could not see Jesus, but Jesus came to him through touch and hearing. When Jesus comes to us how does he come? Every time we receive the sacraments Jesus comes to us and there is a visible sign of Jesus coming to us invisibly through his sacrament.

As we journey through life there are ups and downs. When we are knocked down we need a pick-me-up. No matter what way you are knocked down, Jesus is there to pick you up. Especially when we are ill we need Jesus to pick us up and that is why a large part of the Church's ministry is in healthcare and looking after those who are ill. We are also aware of those who have received miraculous physical healings. Through the Church Jesus continues to heal, taking the those who are ill by the hand and saying, "Talitha kum", "...I tell you to get up." (Mark 5:41). Let us have faith in the healing power of Jesus and allow Jesus to take us by the hand when we need and help us up. Let us have faith in the power of Jesus to reverse bad situations.

"Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). No matter when you were hurt, remembering that today, yesterday and tomorrow are the same for Jesus, ask him to walk back in time with you to the day when you suffered a particular hurt or received the news of your illness. Close your eyes now and imagine Jesus by your side or in front of you...Make your way through the crowd to Jesus like the bleeding woman...In your imagination touch Jesus' cloak wishing for his healing...(Mark 5:27-28). Feel the love of Jesus healing you...Hear Jesus say to you, "Your faith has restored you to health..."....(Mark 5:34). Or in your imagination see Jesus take you by the hand as he took Jairus' daughter by hand and let Jesus help you up, "I tell you to get up"....(Mark 5:41)

READINGS for Sunday, 22nd March 2020 Lent 4 : Mothering Sunday			
1 Sam. 16: 1-13	Ps. 23	Eph 5: 8-14	John 9: 1-41
READINGS for Sunday, 29th March 2020 Lent 5			
Ezek 37: 1-14	Ps 130	Rom 8: 1-11	John 11: 1-45
GARDENING		Robyn Sweetnam	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	

With the restrictions placed on all of us due to the Coronavirus, it may be difficult for some of you to be able to get to the shops to purchase necessary items.

If you are having difficulty—especially those of you who are unwell at present—please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) or contact the Parish Office during its opening hours (8723 1353 : 10.00am to 1.00pm—Wednesdays and Thursdays), and we will endeavour to assist you with some of the provisions we have remaining in the Food Ministry cupboard.

Fr Neil will continue to celebrate the Eucharist privately on behalf of us all each weekend and pray for us.

Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

Please be advised that ALL meetings, events etc. in the Parish have been suspended until further notice.

Mowing and Gardening Roster



Could all volunteers please check the updated roster on the Vestry notice board. Some alterations have been necessary due to the unavailability of personnel due to illness.

If you could consider volunteering for one or both of these tasks to help lighten the load for those people currently on the roster, please speak to Robyn Sweetnam (0498 968 394).



Jesus said about the girl, "She is not dead, only asleep." (Mark 5:39). Hear Jesus say to you, "Your wound is not permanent, it is only temporary, I am healing you"...Let Jesus comfort you after the hurt you received....Let the love of Jesus replace all the damage and hurt and woundedness. Just as the Good Samaritan poured oil and wine on the wounds of the injured man on the road to Jericho (Luke 10:34), let Jesus pour his love on your wounds and replace your wounds with his love. Touch Jesus' garments and let your bleeding, your suffering, dry up. Tell Jesus about your pain and hurt....Feel the love of Jesus replacing your wounds with his love, healing you and making you whole again.

Pray to Jesus like this for 15 or 20 minutes every day for as long as it takes your wound to heal. Pray to Jesus whatever way helps for as long as possible each day. Come to Jesus in faith. Jesus cares about you more than anyone and does not want you to remain wounded and hurt. He wants you well and at peace to enjoy life. Come to Jesus through the crowd in faith, reach out and touch him. Let him take you by the hand and raise you up.

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Count your blessings : A Discipline for Lent

Monday, 23/3	Count the carpets in your house. Give 10¢ for each one. Pray for people with sparse homes..	\$
Tuesday, 24/3	How much fruit can you find? Give 5¢ for each fruit you've counted.	\$
Wednesday, 25/3	Count the plug sockets! Thank God for how technology improves our lives. Give 5¢ for each socket.	\$
Thursday, 26/3	How many things can you cook with? Count each hob on your stove, each oven etc. Give 10¢ for each.	\$
Friday, 27/3	Count how many letters you received this week. Give 5¢ for each.	\$
Saturday, 28/3	Count the cleaning products you have. Give 5¢ for each. Thank God for sanitation. It is the key to good health.	\$
Sunday, 29/3	Count your blankets, quilts and doonas. Pray for those who are cold and give 20¢ for each item of bedding you count.	\$

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR MARCH

Julienne Feast

Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, **to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.**



Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; Fr Peter Carlsson; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sally-ann Geddes (daughter of Neil & Judy); June Willcourt; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Shirley Stacpoole; Shane Stewart (Raylene Milligan's son in law); Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Simon & Nina (Vivienne & Pepe's son & daughter-in-law who are expecting twins)

Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance is this week.

If you wish for your name (or the name of someone you know) to be placed on the prayer list, please submit the request in writing (including your name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required). Forms for this purpose can be found at the back of the church.

South East prayer

Almighty God and Heavenly Father,

We thank you for calling us to be your ambassadors and witness to the risen Lord Jesus here in the South East. As we come together in prayer, give us open hearts to your Spirit; transform our minds to conform with your will so that we may discern your purposes for us in our faith communities. Help us to overcome the past so that we may wed our purposes with yours as we seek to bring the Good News afresh to those who know not the Lord Jesus; to renew our Spirits and gives us a new hope and new focus and direction as we labour with you to bring about your kingdom here on this part of your earth as it is in heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Services this coming week in the Parish

Due to the restrictions associated with COVID 19 (Coronavirus), please be advised that ALL services and meetings associated with the Parish have been suspended until further notice.

The Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge will also be closed until further notice—and request that no donations be left at the Op Shop door as there will be no staff to process the donations.



NB : Our church has an audio loop to assist those with hearing aids